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Montgomery Charter Review Commission Seeks Resident Input on Charter Issues

Comments and Suggestions of Civic Groups, Organizations Agencies, Individuals Must Be Submitted by Oct. 31

ROCKVILLE, Md., June 29, 2011—The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission is seeking suggestions from County residents on possible amendments to the County Charter.

The Charter is the constitutional framework for County government. Charter Section 509 provides for an 11-member Charter Review Commission to study the Montgomery County Charter. The Charter requires that the Commission next report to the County Council in May of 2012. Any recommendations for possible Charter revisions would be considered by County voters in November 2012.

The Commission is requesting the views of residents, civic groups, organizations, County agencies, employees and other individuals on how County government operates and what Charter revisions could make government work more effectively. A copy of the Charter may be obtained by contacting the Council Office at 240-777-7900.

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Suggestions should be submitted to the Charter Review Commission in writing by Oct. 31. The submission should be sent to: Charter Review Commission, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. Suggestions and comments also can be e-mailed to the Commission at CharterReview.Commission@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Charter Review Commission is appointed by the Council every four years. Its meetings are open to the public. No more than six members are from the same political party. The current members are: Molly Mahoney Matthews, Chair; Mark Feinroth, Vice Chair; Jeannie Cho; Mariana Cordier; Diane Nash Dillon; Wendell Holloway; Guled Kassim; Thomas King; Pamela Mason; Jerry Pasternak; and Albert Pearce.